



TOWN OF

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April 29th, 7:30 p.m. Town Meeting Agenda

Request for Storm Water Variance for the Re-subdivision of
Lots 13 & 14 Block 4A, 10202 Frederick Avenue
Presentation of Safeway's New Store Plans; The plans are available in the
Town office April 22 – April 29 for review.
Introduction of 2002/2003 Town Budget

Meeting Schedule

May 6, 7:00 p.m. Work Session
May 28, 7:30 p.m. Town Meeting

Farmers' Market

The Farmers' Market opens on May 4th 8:00 a.m. – 12 p.m.
at the Kensington Train Station

Earth Arbor Day Celebration

The Town of Kensington will be holding its annual celebration
on April 27, 2002, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Town Hall

Contact us at 3710 Mitchell Street, Kensington, MD 20895
Phone: 301-949-2424; Fax: 301-949-4925;
E-mail: mayor.council@tok.org; Web Site: www.tok.org

Founders' Day Celebration May 18th

The Founders' Day Celebration will include many events including rededication of the war memorial, walking tours by the Historical Society, and a Founders' Day picnic. Look for more information to come.

2002 Spirit of Kensington Award

Nominations are now being accepted for the citizen, business or civic organization which best exemplifies the "Spirit of Kensington". Submit nominations to the Town in writing with an explanation as to why your nominee should receive this award. Deadline for submissions is May 10th. The award will be presented at the Founders' Day Picnic.

***** TOWN ELECTIONS *****

JUNE 3, 2002 6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

TOWN HALL (ARMORY)

3710 MITCHELL STREET

KENSINGTON, MD 20895

MAYOR POSITION

TWO COUNCIL MEMBER POSITIONS

TWO YEAR TERMS

Nominations: Persons may be nominated for elective office in the Town by filing a certificate of nomination at the Town Office by 4:00 p.m. on or before the second Monday in May (May 13, 2002).

Voter Qualifications: Every person who is a citizen of the U.S., at least 18 years of age, has resided within the corporate limits of the Town for thirty days and is registered in accordance with the provisions of the Town Charter shall be a qualified voter of the Town and shall be entitled to vote at any or all Town elections.

Voter Registration: Registration by a Town resident with the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors of Elections shall be deemed registration for Town elections. Applications for such registration must be received at the County Board on the fifth Monday prior to an election (April 29, 2002). Please note: you must be registered by the County with a Town address.

Town citizens, who do not register to vote with the County, may register with the Town at the Town office, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Town registration books close on May 28, 2002.

Absentee Voting: Any qualified and registered voter may apply at the Town office during regular office hours for an absentee ballot if he or she cannot be present at an upcoming Town election.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Carl Roberts who won the Maryland Municipal League's "If I Were Mayor, I Would..." essay contest.

Town's Summer Meeting Schedule

June 4 at 7:00 p.m. Work Session
July 1 at 7:00 p.m. Work Session
August 5 at 7:00 p.m. Work Session

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the Town Picnic at Kensington Cabin Park in July. Please contact the Town office if you are interested in helping with this fun event.

The Town is in search of a few arts and crafts fans to assist Andie Murtha in her organization of the 2nd Annual Kensington Arts and Crafts Fair. This year's Fair will again be held on Labor Day in connection with the Town's Labor Day Parade and Festival. Andie needs help especially with publicity, logistics, set up and clean up. If you are interested in helping, please call her at 301-929-0501.

The Kensington Labor Day Parade organizers are in search of entertaining and fun musical groups who might be interested in performing in this year's Parade. If you are in such a group or you know someone who is, please call Jenny Smith at 301-946-3804.

Building Permits

New fence at 3915 Washington Street
Interior work at 10410 N Kensington Parkway
New addition and deck at 10023 Frederick Avenue
Interior/Exterior alterations at 3514 Plyers Mill Road

e-Announcements

If you would like to receive brief e-mail updates regarding Town business please sign up for e-Announcements on the home page of the Town's web site (www.tok.org)

Town Building Permits Required

A reminder that when you build an addition to your home or business, add a shed, install a fence, or perform any other work that requires a County Building Permit, you also need a Town permit. Questions? Call the Town office.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Our Town is comparable in resident population to the Towns of Chevy Chase and Garrett Park. However, it is unlike either municipality as Kensington has a large business district encompassing one third of our geographical area. So in a sense we are similar to the Cities of Rockville and Gaithersburg but on a smaller scale. Having a large business district has its advantages and disadvantages. It is convenient for close access to our own hardware store, grocery store, gasoline station, etc., and our antique row. With that convenience, however, we experience increased noise and debris from the commercial district, greater traffic on Town side streets, and a need for increased street maintenance from the large vehicles.

This Mayor and Council have spent a great amount of time during the past four years working with the merchants of our commercial district to ensure better communications. While there always will be citizen and business owner concerns to be resolved, we achieve amicable resolution through the spirit of open communications.

I am happy to report our Town has never looked better due in part to requiring all businesses to enclose their dumpsters and adopting a property maintenance ordinance requiring all property owners to meet reasonable standards. Many residents have painted and remodeled their homes during the past years. There has been noticeable improvement to the built environment in Town. The Town government has continued to improve its infrastructure. Many streets have been paved after decades of neglect and sidewalks have been improved. We removed the crumbling bituminous curbs on Plyers Mill Road and around Carroll Place and replaced them with concrete curb and gutter.

Our Town Hall is undergoing a remodeling on the drill hall level and experienced an outside face-lift with window restoration. We are now ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant on the drill hall level and are continuing with renovations to the rest of the Community Center. State and County grants funded ninety-five percent of these costs.

As another sign of the marked improvements to our Town, property values are at an all time high. Homes are selling within a week or two.

Maintaining a high quality of life in Kensington is our reason for being. Our parks have never looked better. We will be planting many new trees this month. David Gregg is performing a splendid job as our Town Gardener as he keeps our parks in great shape. We see citizens taking their lunches and even some, their dinners in the parks and enjoying new play equipment in St. Paul and Reinhardt Parks.

We have many businesses to be proud of: American Self-Storage's addition on Plyers Mill Road; Jendell Corporation remodeled its business at a new location on Plyers Mill Road (in progress); Savannahs, a new restaurant on Connecticut Avenue; Woodacre on Farragut Avenue West; Aunt Betty's General Store is looking great on Howard Avenue; Kensington Service Station on Armory Avenue just to mention a few establishments. Soon to come, Sunoco and Safeway Store total remodeling. Some gas stations improved their appearance during the last several months – Getty and Shell. The renovations to the home of the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department, Station 5 has been an asset to the

overall enhancement of the Connecticut Avenue corridor. We commend them for working with the Town during the renovation period. Thank you to all our businesses that have improved their streetscape appearance and we look forward to others following these good examples.

We are proud of our Town Crew. Yes, from time-to-time our refuse and trash may be inadvertently missed but if you call Town Hall and report the incident before noon the Crew will return in the afternoon to remove it. An indicator of how much the citizens appreciate the special attention we receive from our crew is evident in the citizen Holiday gifts. A special thank you to Jamie Simms for his extra help this year while our Director, Mark Joel was on medical leave.

Our Town staff is working well under the direction of Susan Engels, Clerk-Treasurer. We've made several changes to our accounting systems including at the suggestion of our public accountants we contracted with a payroll company to handle our payroll on a weekly basis. Our Town Journal, according to comments from citizens, is highly readable with more timely information, and a pleasant format. The Town Web Site has come alive during the last several months according to many reports from citizens. All of these changes were implemented during the past four years.

As always we could not accomplish all that we do without our many volunteers. I believe we have the most dedicated volunteers a Town could desire. All the citizens of Kensington and surrounding communities appreciate those who serve on the following committees:

Arbor/Earth Day Celebration

Founders Day

Fourth of July Bike Parade

Labor Day Parade

8K Race

Kite Festival

Town Picnic

Pot Luck Dinner

Holiday Tree Lighting

Which brings to mind the Santa uproar – all of us were affected by the negative waves to our Town for what had always been a year-end delight to all who attended. To avoid future tension I have requested advice from residents and the Kensington Ministerial (religious leaders from Kensington). We hope to have future events in December that the whole Town can enjoy without negative publicity.

Our next event is Arbor/Earth Day -- April 27.

On May 18 we will rededicate our war memorial (very fitting as this is Armed Forces Day). Also, we will acknowledge the renovation recently completed at the Community Center and celebrate the completion of Phase II of the Howard Avenue Revitalization Project. A Founders Day picnic is planned in Flynn Park during the afternoon with guided walking tours in the historic district throughout the day. This will be a lovely event to honor Founders Day in Kensington.

Montgomery County has appropriated funds for Phase III of the Howard Avenue Revitalization Project that will be performed concurrently with the Safeway remodeling project.

Also, after years of planning, the Metropolitan Avenue Streetscape project begins this month. Sidewalks, trees, and traffic calming measures combined with closure of the concrete plant will surely improve the quality of life for many north-side residents.

If you want to experience the fun of working with your neighbors toward achieving an event the whole Town will enjoy, call the Town office and register to become a member of one of the event committees.

We also thank all of those persons who have served on our boards and commissions. You may not see them at work but they are there working hard to make our Town run smoothly – they are dedicated and are always willing to serve.

MARYLAND MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

During the past couple months several citizens have asked me questions about the Maryland Municipal League (MML). I thought if these persons had questions, others might have questions so permit me to give you a brief overview. MML is a voluntary non-profit, non-partisan association controlled and maintained by its 157 member municipalities throughout the State of Maryland. Its purpose is to promote municipal government through the participation of municipal officials. As members, the municipalities are assisted through MML services such as: administrative, policy, and legal issues; legislation; technical assistance; continuing education and training; and more.

The Town has been a member of MML for decades. Some previous Kensington administrations have been more actively involved than others. This Mayor and Council have taken advantage of the many benefits offered by the League and attended workshops and conferences offered throughout the year and volunteered to serve on committees. Such training is important for all Town officials to become knowledgeable about current municipal affairs, topics impacting our State, ways to reduce barriers, and approaches to serve our constituents more effectively.

I have been active over the past years serving on committees, on the Board of Directors of the State League, and last year as President of our Montgomery County Chapter. In June 2001 I was elected to First Vice President of the League and have spent a productive year attending conferences hosted by MML and by the National League of Cities. The MML President and First Vice President have an MML budget that covers all expenses associated with their duties. This year I had the opportunity to become better known to County and State officials. Through that networking I have been better able to serve our Town residents.

MML provides our Town and all the 157 Municipalities with the tools to be better municipal officials. We share ideas and learn from cross discussions how to more effectively address municipal issues.

I am always available to answer your questions and concerns. Please contact me during business hours at 301-949-2424 or by email at mayor.council@tok.com.

Mayor's Report

Howard Avenue Revitalization

Last month it was reported that hanging baskets would be installed on Howard Avenue in May. This month the brackets for the baskets and flags are being installed and the Kiosk will be put in place in front of the Allfirst Bank.

The Town is going to add some plantings to the Howard Avenue Park.

Metropolitan Avenue Streetscape

The streetscaping construction on Metropolitan Avenue is to begin in the second week of April and completion is scheduled for fall 2002.

Community Center

The renovation of the ADA compatible restrooms on the drill hall level are complete and look wonderful. We have had several events in the building since completion and have received compliments from many residents on the results of this renovation. The Mayor thanks Council Member Chris Bruch for his time and expertise in overseeing this project.

The window restoration is almost complete and we are looking forward to the next step in the renovation process.

Summit Avenue Sidewalk

Montgomery County Government granted the request to install a sidewalk on the west side of Summit Avenue from Knowles Avenue to Howard Avenue. The Town plans to install curb and gutter on the east side in 2003 projects.

Meetings and Events Attended by the Mayor

- The Mayor had a walk through with Montgomery County representatives on Howard Avenue Phase II to determine if the project met with approval.
- A Round Table for Education was held by Montgomery County Government this month. The Mayor attended this informative meeting. The focus of this organization is to foster the link of business with education in Montgomery County. In 2001 the Montgomery County Business Round Table for Education was organized. These leaders came together to promote education, housing, technology and leadership in the most vulnerable population of the County. It was heart warming to see some of the results of this organization and to learn of the dedication of volunteer work and monetary donations made by the members.

- The Mayor attended the monthly Chamber of Commerce Board meeting.
- The National League of Cities held it's Annual Congressional Conference in Washington, DC this month. This conference included excellent keynote and guest speakers as well as informative workshops related to Municipal Government. Discussions on key issues such as airport, rail and highway security, the economy, telecommunications, passenger rail development and more were of great interest. The Mayor felt this conference to be a great opportunity to network with other elected officials from all parts of our Nation.
- The Mayor attended the "Town Hall" meeting hosted by Senator Chris Van Hollen. Citizens heard presentations by State and County officials. The meeting was well attended by Town residents and other communities close to us.
- The Mayor attended an MML Chapter Meeting with Montgomery County Council. This is an annual meeting to discuss the concerns of municipalities within the County and to learn of new programs and future plans.
- A Montgomery Municipal Cable TV Board meeting was held this month. The Mayor was in attendance.
- The Kensington Volunteer Fire Department held it's Annual Awards Dinner. Many awards were presented to our dedicated fire fighters. We are extremely fortunate to have this group of responsible men and women in the heart of our Town responding to our emergency needs. The Mayor enjoyed attending this ceremony and congratulates them for their dedication to a volunteer job unsurpassed by any others. Thank you KVFD!
- The Mayor attended a Susan B. Anthony Awards Dinner. Three awards were given for outstanding service: The Susan B. Anthony Award was presented to Congresswoman Constance Morella, the MCNOW Legislative Award was presented to Delegate Sharon Grosfeld, and the Betty Ann Krahne Award was presented to Ms. Bobbie Walton and American University.

Council Member Bruch's Report

Armory ADA Restroom Project – The completed restroom facilities were inspected and accepted on March 15th, just in time for the Sandy Spring Theatre Group's March performance series.

Armory Window Restoration Project – This project is nearing completion, final repairs to damaged window frames are being made.

Econoway Gas Station – I stopped a non-compliant sign installation in progress, which precipitated a meeting with the property owner. The property owner agreed to comply with the Town's sign ordinance and further reported that he intends to make much needed repairs and improvements to the property this spring.

I encourage all residents with Internet access to register on the Town's main WebPage for "E-Announcements". This allows the Town to get out important neighborhood information fast i.e., police activity, emergency preparedness information, snow and leaf removal updates, meeting date changes, etc.

Please report damaged or missing street name signs to the Director of Public Works (301-949-2424 extension 15).

The Town received notice from M-NCPPC concerning plans to subdivide a residential property at the northwest corner of Kent and Frederick. Interested citizens should contact the Town or M-NCPPC.

Council Member Pfautz's Report

Met with Mayor, Susan Engels and Glenn Cowan on preliminary budget draft. Subsequently met with full Council and Susan to prepare draft budget.

Attended Town Hall Meeting with Senator Chris Van Hollen, Delegates Grosfeld and Billings and County Council President Steve Silverman.

Attended Maryland Municipal League Montgomery Chapter meeting with Council President Steve Silverman and County Council Member Phil Andrews. This was an excellent opportunity for the municipalities to raise common issues.

Council Member Scharman's Report

I toured the HOC property with Chris Bruch in an effort to identify items we could work on, in conjunction with the HOC property manager, to enhance the outdoor recreational use and minimize impacts of the facility on the surrounding neighborhood.

I researched information pertaining to citizen requests to improve pedestrian and bike access near parks within the Town. I met with the MNCPPC and had discussions with the Department of Public Works and Transportation concerning pedestrian access to Kensington Cabin Park. I also had discussions with MNCPPC personnel regarding hiker-biker trails in and around Kensington.

I attended a meeting, sponsored by the Montgomery Chapter of the Maryland Municipal League, which brought members of the County Council together with officials from municipalities throughout the County. It was interesting to hear the latest developments in the County's plans for addressing needs such as school construction, transportation, public and traffic safety, and recreation issues in these uncertain budget times. Other towns' officials obviously have similar concerns that we do regarding such things as the urgent needs for traffic and pedestrian safety and the impact of planned growth on the ability of the County and municipalities to meet citizens' needs.

I attended the Open House held by the MNCPPC offices on Georgia Avenue. All the offices were open, planning maps were available for viewing and for sale, and planners and other personnel were present to answer specific questions and assist in using the Commission's resources.

Off-Site Budget Meeting

March 20, 2002, 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Raufaste, Council Members Bruch, Cowan, Pfautz, Scharman, and Clerk-Treasurer Engels were present. The group reviewed projected revenues and expenses for the proposed Fiscal Year 2002/2003 Town Budget. The proposed budget will be introduced at the April Town Meeting.

Town Meeting

March 25, 2002

Mayor Raufaste called the Meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. with Council Members Bruch, Cowan, Pfautz, Scharman, Director of Public Works Joel, and Clerk-Treasurer Engels present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A Moment of Silence was observed.

The Mayor announced that Carl Roberts, a student from Kensington Parkwood Elementary, was selected as the "If I Were Mayor, I Would..." essay contest winner representing the Maryland Municipal League (MML) District 5. He will be recognized by Lt. Governor Townsend, receive an award plaque, a \$250 savings bond, and tickets to a Bowie Baysox game.

The Mayor informed residents that a rabid raccoon was found on the North side of Town.

The Mayor informed residents that she has received reports from several residents that a suspicious man has been hanging around in our parks. It is important to report any suspicious people to the police.

The Mayor thanked the Koehler's for the work they are doing to refurbish wooden park signs.

Council Member Bruch informed residents that the Town has received plans for a re-subdivision of 3 lots at the northwest corner of Frederick and Kent Streets. The plans are available in the Town Office or at MNCPPC.

Residents asked about upgrading Kensington Cabin Park and providing a sidewalk to access the park. Council Member Scharman stated that we have applied for grants on behalf of Park and Planning but have not been successful yet. She also indicated that MNCPPC has recently been asked about available right-of-way and the possibility of installing a sidewalk for better access to the park. The Town will continue to seek funding to improve the park's amenities.

In response to a question on the status of reviewing HPC HAWP application forms, the Council will continue to discuss at the next work session and ask for comments and recommendations from residents and the LAP.

The Mayor read the LAP recommendation letter regarding HPC permits for 3913 Washington Street and 3920 Washington Street.

The Council approved the Mayor's proclamation declaring the week of April 22-26, 2002 Municipal Government Week in Kensington.

The May Town Meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 28th.

The Mayor, Council and Director of Public Works presented monthly reports.

Council Actions

Council Member Pfautz moved to approve the minutes of the February 25 Town Meeting and the March 4, 2002 Work Session as circulated. It was seconded by Council Member Bruch and passed unanimously.

Council Member Scharman moved to reallocate \$10,000 from the public works salary line item to the landscaping line item in the 2001/2002 fiscal year budget. It was seconded by Council Member Cowan and passed unanimously.

Council Member Pfautz moved to adopt resolution number 2002-02 which would amend Article IV, Section 403 to increase the residency requirement for Council Members from 6 months to 1 year. Council Member Bruch seconded it and it passed with a three to one vote. Council Member Cowan opposed the resolution.

Council Member Pfautz moved to adopt resolution number 2002-03 which would amend Article IV, Section 405 to add "The absence of the Mayor or any Council member from three meetings of the Town Council during a calendar year, without being formally excused by the Town Council, shall result in that office being deemed vacant and the office shall be filled as set forth in vacancies." It was seconded by Council Member Cowan and passed unanimously.

Council Member Pfautz moved to adopt resolution number 2002-04 which would amend Article VII, Section 702 to delete the following sentence "Not more than two of the three supervisors of elections shall be members of the same political party". It was seconded by Council Member Bruch and passed unanimously.

Council Member Pfautz moved to adopt resolution number 2002-05 which would amend Article VII, Section 707 to change the day that Town registration books are closed from the last Monday in May prior to the Town election to the last Tuesday in May prior to the Town election. It was seconded by Council Member Cowan and passed unanimously.

Council Member Pfautz moved to adopt resolution number 2002-06 which would amend Article VII, Section 714 to fill a vacancy in the office of Mayor the same way as a vacancy of the Council by a special election if the vacancy occurs ninety days or more

prior to the end of the term. It was seconded by Council Member Scharman and passed unanimously.

Council Member Pfautz moved to adopt resolution number 2002-07 which would delete Article IX, Section 910 which states The Mayor, with the approval of the Council, may appoint a health officer, who shall be a licensed physician who shall safeguard the health of the Town and who may make recommendations to the Mayor and Council on health issues. It was seconded by Council Member Scharman and passed unanimously

Council Member Pfautz moved to adopt resolution number 2002-08 which would amend Article IX, Section 904 to delete the reference to employees because the Council does not set compensation for Town employees by ordinance. It was seconded by Council Member Cowan and passed unanimously.

Council Member Bruch moved to confirm the Mayor's appointments to the Board of Elections of Eleanor Condliffe, Spencer Harrill, and Chris Tucker. It was seconded by Council Member Pfautz and passed unanimously.

Council Member Bruch moved to confirm the Mayor's appointments to the Ethics Commission of Fred Zusy for a 3-year term, Ted Rosche for a 2-year term and John Lossing for a 1-year term. It was seconded by Council Member Scharman and passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Work Session of Mayor & Council

April 8, 2002

The work session commenced at 7:00 p.m., Mayor Raufaste, Council Members Bruch, Cowan, Pfautz and Scharman, Public Works Director Joel, Code Enforcement Officer Hamilton, and Clerk-Treasurer Engels were present and the following issues were addressed:

The minutes from the March 25 Town Meeting were reviewed.

The Mayor and Council discussed the real property tax rate and decided to use the constant yield tax rate of \$.193 per \$100 of assessment for the tax year beginning July 1, 2002 and any revenue lost from this will be offset by surplus from past years.

The Council will review the budget for any revisions and it will be introduced at the next meeting.

The "draft" HOC Property "Top-Ten" List was reviewed along with an E-mail from Steve Lukaczer. The list was updated and will be officially sent to HOC.

A storm water variance request was received for the re-subdivision of lots 13 & 14, Block A, 10202 Frederick Avenue and will be discussed at the next Town meeting.

Director of Public Works Joel reviewed the street condition list and discussed paving priorities.

The code enforcement action list was reviewed.

Code Enforcement Officer Hamilton discussed the fine structure for code misdemeanors that were changed to municipal infractions. The Council will decide on the fines at the July work session.

The project list was reviewed and updated.

The Council concurred that the basketball half-court at Reinhardt was not feasible and removed from the project list.

The Sandy Spring Theatre Group lease was added to the project list.

Council Member Pfautz informed Mayor and Council that the LAP and KHS were meeting to discuss the HPC HAWP application form.

Monthly correspondence was reviewed.

In response to the US citizen voting requirement in the Charter, the Council concurred that all charter revision requests should be sent through the Charter Review Committee.

The Council concurred that the memorandum of understanding with the County concerning emergency preparedness needs to be reviewed by LGIT.

In response to concerns over the Town's role with the Coalition of Kensington Communities, the Mayor will send a letter to CKC requesting that the Town of Kensington not be listed as a member. Town citizens that will be attending CKC meetings will be attending as individuals and not representatives of the Town.

Council Member Bruch suggested that the Council needs to address the grandfathered provision of the sign ordinance as it applies to properties in the historic district or landlocked properties.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Charter Amendments

The following charter amendments have been adopted and approved by the Mayor and Council. As required by state law, they are posted on the bulletin board at Town Hall and will appear in a local paper for four weeks:

Article IV, Section 403 is being amended to increase the residency requirement for Council members to one year ("Council Members shall have resided in the Town for at

least ONE YEAR [six months] immediately preceding their election and shall be qualified to be registered voters of the Town.”);

Article IV, Section 405 is being amended to add “THE ABSENCE OF THE MAYOR OR ANY COUNCIL MEMBER FROM THREE MEETINGS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL DURING A CALENDAR YEAR, WITHOUT BEING FORMALLY EXCUSED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL, SHALL RESULT IN THAT OFFICE BEING DEEMED VACANT AND THE OFFICE SHALL BE FILLED AS SET FORTH IN VACANCIES.”

Article VII, Section 702 is being amended to delete the following sentence, “[Not more than then two of the three supervisors of elections shall be members of the same political party.]”

Article VII, Section 707 is being amended to change the day that Town registration books are closed from the last Monday in May prior to the Town election to the last Tuesday in May prior to the Town election (“Town registration books shall be closed on the last [Monday] TUESDAY in May prior to the Town election.”);

Article VII, Section 714 is amended to fill a vacancy in the office of Mayor the same way as a vacancy of the Council, by special election if the vacancy occurs ninety days or more prior to the end of the term;

Article IX, Section 904 is amended to delete the reference to employees because the Council does not set compensation for Town employees by ordinance (“The compensation of all officials [and employees] of the Town shall be set from time to time by ordinance passed by the Council.”);

Article IX, Section 910 is deleted in its entirety [“The Mayor, with the approval of the Council, may appoint a health officer, who shall be a licensed physician who shall safeguard the health of the Town and who may make recommendations to the Mayor and Council on health issues.”];